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## Education

- 2021 – 2026 **Yale University**  
(Expected) Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management (Economics Track)  
*Dissertation:* Enhanced Payments for Behavioral Health: A Path to Improved Community-Based Care Delivery  
*Committee:* Susan Busch (Chair), Jacob Wallace, Benjamin Druss (Emory University)
- 2024 **Yale University**  
M.Phil. in Health Policy and Management (Economics Track)
- 2021 **Fudan University**  
B.A. in Health Policy and Management (with the Highest Honors and Distinction)  
*Undergraduate Thesis:* The Impact of Urban–Rural Resident Medical Insurance Integration on Insurance Coverage and Healthcare Utilization Among Rural Residents
- 2018 **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**  
Exchange Student in Statistics (Top 1% Selected Exchange Scholar, UCLA Education Abroad Program)

## Areas of Interest

Mental health and substance use disorder, payment and insurance policy, evidence-based behavioral health delivery, health-related quality of life

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2024 **Liu, R.<sup>†</sup>**, Beetham, T., Newton, H., & Busch, S. H. “[Access to treatment before and after Medicare coverage of opioid treatment programs.](#)” *Health Affairs Scholar*, 2(6), qxae076.  
(<sup>†</sup>First and corresponding author).

- 2021 Pan, C. W.<sup>†</sup>, **Liu, R. J.**<sup>†</sup>, Yang, X. J., Ma, Q. H., Xu, Y., Luo, N., & Wang, P. “Could the EQ-5D-3L predict all-cause mortality in older Chinese? Evidence from a 5-year longitudinal study in eastern China.” *Quality of Life Research*, 30(10), 2887–2894. (<sup>†</sup>Co-first authors with equal contribution).
- 2021 Liu, X., Zhang, L., Shang, C., & **Liu, R.** “International experience and enlightenment of payment for innovative drugs under DRG payment.” *World Clinical Drug*, 42(7), 547–550. (in Chinese)
- 2020 Pan, C. W., Zhang, R. Y., Luo, N., He, J. Y., **Liu, R. J.**, Ying, X. H., & Wang, P. “How the EQ-5D utilities are derived matters in Chinese diabetes patients: a comparison based on different EQ-5D scoring functions for China.” *Quality of Life Research*, 29, 3087–3094.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

- **Liu, R.**, Wallace, J., Druss, B., & Busch, S. H. “Transforming Community Mental Health Care to Improve Access: Findings from a Medicaid Demonstration Program.”
- **Liu, R.**, Druss, B., Wallace, J., & Busch, S. H. “Enhanced Payments and Care Quality: Evidence from Community Behavioral Health Clinics.”
- **Liu, R.**, Druss, B., Wallace, J., & Busch, S. H. “From Integration to Outcomes: Behavioral Health Payment Reform and Physical Health in Medicaid.”

## Honors, Grants, and Scholarships

- 2023, 2024 Paul D. Cleary Scholarship, Yale University
- 2023 Conference Travel Fellowship, Yale University
- 2021 First Prize, National Undergraduate Thesis Award in Public Health (China), Dean’s Forum of Schools of Medicine and Health Management in China
- 2021 Shanghai Municipal Outstanding Graduate (Top 1% municipal-wide), Fudan University
- 2017-2020 Outstanding Student Scholarship (Top 1% university-wide), Fudan University
- 2019 Delong Research Grant (Merit-based research funding), Fudan University
- 2018 Excellent International Exchange Student Scholarship, Fudan University

## Presentations and Invited Talks

### **“Enhanced Payments for Behavioral Health: A Path to Improved Access”**

- Podium Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 10, 2025. Minneapolis, MN.

### **“Access to treatment before and after Medicare coverage of opioid treatment programs”**

- Podium Presentation. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 29, 2024. Baltimore, MD.
- Podium Presentation. American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon). June 17, 2024. San Diego, CA.
- Poster Presentation. Addiction Health Services Research Conference. October 18, 2023. New York, NY.

### **“Could the EQ-5D-3L predict all-cause mortality in older Chinese? Evidence from a 5-year longitudinal study in eastern China”**

- Podium Presentation. Annual Conference of Chinese Pharmaceutical Association. June 19, 2021. Zhejiang, China.
- *Award*: Early Career Investigator Award

### **“Understanding the Global Landscape of Health Economics Research”**

- Invited Talk. Department of Health Economics, Fudan University. June 2021. Shanghai, China.

## Teaching Experience

Spring 2025	Teaching Fellow, <b>Mental Health Care Policy in the US</b> (Yale University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor: Prof. Susan Busch</li><li>• Co-designed the midterm project; supported course instruction; provided feedback on student assignments (16 students)</li></ul>
Fall 2023	Teaching Fellow, <b>Health Politics, Governance, and Policy</b> (Yale University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor: Prof. Mark Schlesinger</li><li>• Delivered a guest session on youth mental health; ran monthly review sessions; advised students on final group projects (53 students)</li></ul>

- Spring 2023    Teaching Fellow, **Methods in Health Services Research** (Yale University)
- Instructor: Prof. Jacob Wallace
  - Led weekly discussion sessions and R-based study halls; graded midterm and final exams (122 students)

## Professional Services and Memberships

### **Professional memberships**

AcademyHealth, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Addiction Health Service Research (AHSR)

### **Manuscript reviewer**

*Health Affairs Scholar*

## Technical Skills

### **Programming**

RStudio, Python, Stata, CiteSpace, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### **Languages**

English (Full Professional Proficiency), Mandarin (Native), Japanese (Basic), Korean (Basic)